

# GOVERNANCE

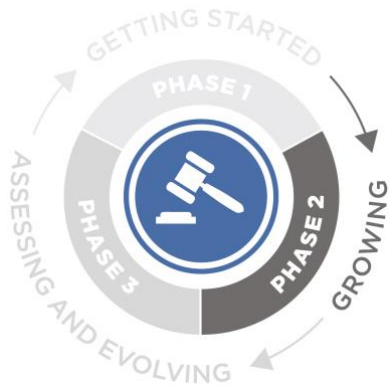
## Phase II: Stabilizing Governance



### Activity 10: Financial and Organizational Stability Assessment Checklist

The community/organization thinks about and actively plans for the future	Yes	No	In Progress	Maybe Later	N/A	Rank
Do you document your mission-driven goals and milestones on a regular basis? <i>Possible evidence: Strategic plan, logic model, documented goals</i>						
Do you measure progress toward these goals and milestones at least annually? <i>Possible evidence: Documented assessment of goals</i>						

The community/organization maintains control over and monitors its own finances	Yes	No	In Progress	Maybe Later	N/A	Rank
Do you have access to and control over your bank account(s), budget, ledger/log of all receivables and expenditures, and any accounting software and/or bookkeeping environment? <i>Possible evidence: Review of each element</i>						
Do you have a chart of accounts that details your categories of expenditures and receivables? <i>Possible evidence: Chart of accounts, account report demonstrating the use of the chart of accounts</i>						
Do you create an officially approved annual operating budget for the over community/organization each year? <i>Possible evidence: Annual budget developed by the community/organization that is approved by its governing body</i>						
Do you rectify your financial books at least quarterly with review and sign-off from a designated governing body representative(s)? <i>Possible evidence: Signed quarterly reports or other evidence of successful review</i>						



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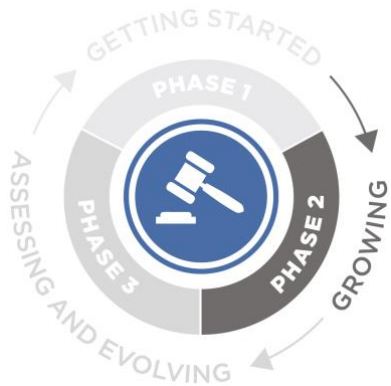


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Do you have written financial policies that are adequate for the size and complexity of your community/organization and that include explicit internal controls? <i>Possible evidence: Accounting manual, policy documentation</i>						
Do you have an annual independent audit or review conducted of your financial statements? <i>Possible evidence: Audit or Review documentation</i>						
Are there at least two, non-interdependent funding streams for the entity (e.g. memberships, subscriptions, services, grants, contracts, donations)? <i>Possible evidence: Documented revenue streams</i>						

The community/organization understands, maintains, and communicates its legal and organizational identity(ies)	Yes	No	In Progress	Maybe Later	N/A	Rank
Do you know how to describe your legal and organizational identity (e.g. incorporation, taxable status, charity status, etc.)? <i>Possible evidence: Official documentation as compared to self-description</i>						
Do you clearly document your community/organization's legal and organizational identity(ies) such that community members and customers/clients understand what the legal entity can do and who has authority to speak for it? <i>Possible evidence: Disclosure via Website or other public forum, contractual language</i>						
Do you engage a legal advisor and/or lawyer to review all contracts (both those you prepare and those you sign?)						



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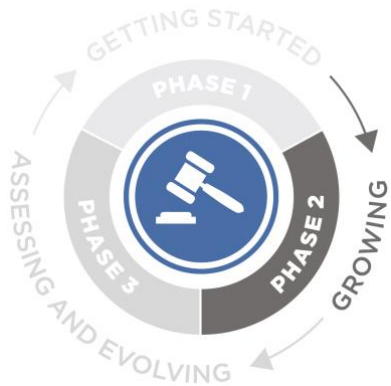


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*Possible evidence: Legal representation*

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<p>If you are not a free-standing organization but instead are hosted by another legal entity, do you transparently and publicly acknowledge this hosting relationship?  <i>Possible evidence: Disclosure via Website or other public forum, contractual language</i></p>						
<p>If you are hosted by or housed within another entity, do you have a documented pathway for separation that can be enacted by your governance group?  <i>Possible evidence: Documented separation pathway and trigger events</i></p>						

The community/organization clearly documents its succession plans	Yes	No	In Progress	Maybe Later	N/A	Rank
<p>Do you have a policy that describes how organizational ownership or responsibility may be transferred, and does this policy explicitly prohibit contracts/agreements to be reassigned without express permissions from community stakeholders?  <i>Possible evidence: Documentation review</i></p>						
<p>Do your governance documents include a legal commitment to maintaining your organization's mission regardless of company ownership?  <i>Possible evidence: Documentation review</i></p>						
<p>Do you have a succession strategy that identifies entities that will steward products and services if or when your company ceases to operate?</p>						



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<i>Possible evidence: Succession documentation</i>						
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The community/organization clearly documents its sunseting and dissolution plans	Yes	No	In Progress	Maybe Later	N/A	Rank
Do you have a financial reserve set aside that is adequate to cover sunseting costs? <i>Possible evidence: Documented financial reserve and sunset budget</i>						
Do you have a plan documenting what happens when your company ceases to operate? <i>Possible evidence: Documented sunset/dissolution plans</i>						
Do you document, test, and regularly update specific pathways for any user-owned or generated content to be migrated to another platform or service in the case of dissolution? <i>Possible evidence: Agreements with similar platforms/services, migration strategies and pathways, contracts with users/members, testing documentation</i>						